

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 19-0138V

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UNPUBLISHED

MADISON EDWARDS,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Special Processing Unit (SPU);  
Ruling on Entitlement; Concession;  
Table Injury; Meningococcal Vaccine;  
Vasovagal Syncope

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## RULING ON ENTITLEMENT<sup>1</sup>

**Corcoran**, Chief states “Special Master:

On January 28, 2019, Madison Edwards (“petitioner”) filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*,<sup>2</sup> (the “Vaccine Act”). Petitioner alleges that she suffered a syncopal episode upon receiving a meningitis vaccination on January 29, 2016, which resulted in “injuries, including fractured jaw, ruptured eardrum, chin laceration and fractured teeth.” Petition at Preamble, ¶ 6. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

<sup>1</sup> I intend to post this ruling on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website. **This means the ruling will be available to anyone with access to the internet.** In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, I agree that the identified material fits within this definition, I will redact such material from public access. Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I am required to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services).

<sup>2</sup> National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all “§” references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

On October 4, 2019, respondent filed his Rule 4(c) report in which he concedes that petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Respondent's Rule 4(c) Report at 1. Specifically, respondent states that "[b]ased on the medical records outlined above, petitioner has satisfied the criteria set forth in the revised Vaccine Injury Table and the Qualifications and Aids to Interpretation, which afford petitioners a presumption of causation if onset the of vasovagal syncope occurs within one hour after a meningococcal vaccination and there is no "organic heart disease, cardiac arrhythmias, transient ischemic attacks, hyperventilation, metabolic conditions, neurological conditions,[or] seizures," from which the loss of consciousness could have resulted from." *Id.* at 4. Respondent further agrees that "the medical records demonstrate that petitioner has experienced the residual effects of her syncopal episode for more than six months" and therefore, petitioner has satisfied all legal prerequisites for compensation under the Act. *Id.*

**In view of respondent's position and the evidence of record, I find that petitioner is entitled to compensation.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**s/Brian H. Corcoran**

Brian H. Corcoran  
Chief Special Master